were received from Indian as well as foreign firms. After careful consideration and taking into account the price quoted availability of soft loan and maximum involvement of Indian parties in the project, a contract was awarded to a French firm.

Retired officials representin business interests

3727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether retired officials are allowed to offer their services in any manner for development of business interests in fields where they worked earlier;

(b) whether Government are aware that retired officials from fisheries represent business interests·

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that conflict of interests do not occur; and

(d) what is the number of retired fisheries officials associated with firms etc. who have applied for permits and licences from Government for fishing activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Retired officials are allowed to accept commercial employment with prior permission if they wish so before the expiry of two years from thee date of retirement. No permission is required for taking up commercial employement after a period of two years from the date of retireent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Application for commercial employment from retired Government official is examined with reference to certain prescribed factors detailed in Rule 10 of the Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 as amended from time to time. one of which is to ensure that the retired official's interest should not be in conflict with those of the Government.

(d) Three.

धान का वसूली मूल्य

3728. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हाल ही में पिछले वर्ष के विपणन मौसम की तुलना में 1987-88 के लिए धान के वसूली मूल्य में 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल की बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा की है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस वर्ष सूखे की स्थिति के कारण खेती की लागत में बढ़ौतरी हुई है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो केवल 4 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल वसूली मूल्य बढ़ाये जाने का क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों, राज्य सरकारों, केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों तथा योजना आयोग के विचारों को ध्यान में रखते हुए, धान सहित विभिन्न कृषि जिंसों के लिए वसूली/समर्थन मूल्यो को निर्धारित करती है । कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग अपनी सिफारिशों को तैयार करते समय संबंधित जिंस के उत्पादन की लागत में वृद्धि सहित अनेक पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखता है ।

United Nations Resolution on shelter for Homeless

3729. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1987 is being observed as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;